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ANOTHER HUGE JOKE.
For the past three months the national government has been amusing the people with a comedy called busting the trusts. This used to be more interesting than it is now. In this particular play a bunch of railroad directors of the New Haven railroad were on trial for looting the railroad. After a trial lasting three months, in which the "special counsel for the government" gets his, the jury declared half the directors not guilty and disgraced as to the other half. This farce cost the people thousands of dollars, and everybody except government officials knows that it is no violation of law to steal a railroad or an election. The Sherman anti-trust law applies only to labor unions. There it knocks the black out every clip. The Labor Trust is a conspiracy in restraint of trade. No other trust does this—according to capitalist law.

AMONG THE SUBS.
Owing to the very disagreeable weather, very few people have come to town this week. However, the mails have been brought in several subscribers. J. A. Daugherty of Commerce sent in six; L. H. Burns of Fomfelt sent in three; while A. A. Evans, Morley, Sol. Diebold, New Hamburg, Joe Pfefferkorn, Oran and August Dieck, Bell City, sent in one each. Commerce: John Lomax, Sam Lane, Louis Ross.
Benton:—W. A. Miller.
Chaffee:—Albert Goetz, Joe Dieck, G. W. McCurdy, August Ginn.
Morley:—B. S. C. F. A. Ginn, J. S. Thompson, E. A. McMullin.
New Hamburg:—Louis Buehler, Lawrence W. Buehler.
Fomfelt:—Louis Burns, James Crow, Chas. Taylor, Casper Effert, Illinois:—Rudolph Effert, Miss Albert, Albert.
Portageville:—John J. Kipfel, Randles:—Leo Schmitt.
Advance:—John Effert.
Poplar Bluff:—John Buehler.
Bleda:—Joe Miller.
Neelyville:—J. L. Strachorn, Randles:—George Dehorne, Kansas City:—J. F. Scherer, Bonham:—Rufus J. Williams, Robinson:—N. D. Mrs. F. S. McLaughlin, F. S. McLaughlin, Miami, Okla.:—Joe Dehorne.

JESUS, THE AGITATOR.
By Eugene V. Debs.
It is clear to every seeker of the truth that Jesus of Nazareth was a labor agitator and social rebel and that this was the real cause of his crucifixion as a felon. A carpenter by trade and at a time when labor was virtual slavery, he knew the meaning of oppression and poverty and woe, and there is not a doubt that his great heart went out in deepest sympathy to his own suffering class and that his outraged soul rebelled against the system of extortion and robbery of which they were the victims.
He did not associate with the rich except to rebuke and scourge them. The suffering poor, the unfortunate, the derelict in their poverty and misery, could count on him for help and comfort, and he would not refuse them.
All his disciples were chosen by Jesus from his own class, the tolling class, the "lower class" in which he was born and to which he remained loyal and steadfast to the day of his death.
Jesus was accused of blasphemy and of "spreading a false religion." This was but the pious pretext of the Pharisees to poison the minds of the ignorant and superstitious against him. He was dangerous to the money-changers, the extortioners, the plunderers of the poor, and he lashed them with whips of fire, and it is they who with the connivance of their high priests and other retainers brought false charges against him and plotted his cruel death.
The naked truth is that Jesus was crucified for inciting his fellow-slaves to rebellion against their arrogant and merciless masters, and today the illegal descendants of those same masters who murdered him as a dangerous agitator, profess to worship him because he died that they might be made immaculate in the blood of the lamb.
Jesus loved the poor among whom he was born with a holy passion and fiercely hated their rich and respectable despottism, and were he to return today and attack the members of Wall Street as he did the money-changers in the Temple, the very gang who now profess to be his mock and loving followers and worship in his name would be the first to rise up and demand his blood, and the only mercy they would show him as a result of twenty centuries of Christian civilization would be the substitution of electrocution for crucifixion.

SENSATIVE SUSPICION.
"You don't seem pleased when I suggest that you have a lovely disposition,"
"I'm not," replied Miss Cayenne. "Telling a girl she has a lovely disposition is usually a sort of apology for not being able to say she is either good looking or interesting."—Washington Star.

STARTS NEW CROP.
Wife:—When I married you I thought you'd sown your wild oats.
Hubby:—With all your money, my dear, it would have been a shame not to start another crop.—Chicago News.

HERE AND YONDER.
Just after the Kicker had gone to press last week the expected death of Mrs. Wm. Hunter was announced, which occurred at the family home at the edge of town, at the age of 62. For several days Mrs. Hunter had suffered from pneumonia in both lungs, and hope of her recovery had been abandoned. Mrs. Hunter was loved and respected by all who knew her. She had devoted her life to the careful rearing of her children and making those about her comfortable and happy. The burial was Friday afternoon in the Benton cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. August Glaus and Albert Goetz, of near Chaffee, spent part of Thursday afternoon of last week with the Kicker folks. Mrs. Glaus brought some fine sausage and spare ribs and the editor has been feasting ever since.

Ambrose Monds of below Commerce was here Monday. He is considerably interested in the European war, says he takes both the Globe and Republic and reads all that both say—and he doesn't know any more now than when he began.

Lawrence W. Buehler and Louis Buehler of New Hamburg came in to see the Kicker man Monday. Lawrence says he has a telephone for which he has very little use and was here to make arrangements to transfer it to Leo Buehler.

Harris, in Cape, had a \$15,000 fire last week in which Al. Maw's wagon factory, Frank Schwartz's saloon, Meyer & Suedek's hardware store, the Seligson factory and Chas. Kneass bakery were all destroyed.

James Ross and son Thomas of near Bleda were here last week and both appeared a little "stuck up." During the conversation it came out that a daughter had been born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ross the night before.

Uncle Ben Card of Morley writes the Kicker: "Let's have township organization and by all means go away with ring rule. The people should rule, and not a few bosses. That's democracy."

A fox was killed near Delta Sunday. The fox is of the tiger family and ranges between the Panther and the wildcat and is very ferocious.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Effert and Mrs. Herman Sander of Fomfelt were Kicker visitors Monday.

Miss Esther Penbody is down from St. Louis visiting Mrs. H. Wade.

FROM CROSS PLAINS.
It is Bleda, and son Rowe, James. Moore went to Illinois on Wednesday of last week to move Mrs. Nancy Keese back to her old home place near here.
The Misses Pearl Minter, Ruth Harrison, Charley Spaulding and James Simmons took a pleasant automobile ride over Sandwood Sunday evening.

Oran Woods has returned from Arkansas and says there is plenty of water there now.
On account of the bad weather there was no R. Y. P. U. at Unity Sunday night.
Several families have moved out of our community, but others are filling their places.
Wheat in this neighborhood is looking fine.
Miss Jessie Goddard is sick.

FROM CARY.
Elmer Moore and Miss Sallie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, went to Cairo Wednesday and were married. They returned to the bride's home Sunday.

E. L. Zimmerman and Riley Story of the North Cut went to Chicago, Ill., Tuesday of last week.

Rev. Harris and family spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroval of the North Cut.

Ambrose Burns and family of Hickory Grove now occupy the house vacated by Chas. Lynn.

Clyde Lynn and Silas Ervin of Mullins Island Sundayed with Chas. Lynn and wife.

The Misses Ora, Florie and Ruth Tremaine Sundayed with Ambrose Burns and family.

Maek McDonald of Bledgett has moved into the house vacated by Bill Trease.

Marvin Riley and Will Dunning went to Illinois Monday.

Tom Olfendick went to Benton Monday.

FROM ILLMO.
A. R. Ferguson, who was reported as very sick in these items last week, died Wednesday aged 72 years. The remains were shipped to Danville, Ill. Mr. Perkins here made home for burial. Mr. Perkins and his son, D. B. Perkins, were in the lumber business here and the son will continue the business.

Chris. Mehn, who conducted a blacksmith shop and grocery at the Cross Roads before Illinois and Fomfelt were established, died suddenly Thursday of last week, aged about 70 years.

C. A. Bein, a machinist, and Mrs. Nick Scherer, it is announced are to be married this week.

CARD OF THANKS.
Through the columns of the Kicker we wish to thank the many good friends for their kindness and assistance during our dear mother's long illness and death.
Mrs. B. August, Mrs. J. English, Mrs. Chas. Lampher and daughters and son, Geo. Rhodes.
Get a 1916 Kicker calendar.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Thursday of last week while the Nick Dannenmueller family were at dinner, they discovered that the house was on fire in the second story. The flames had gained such headway that very little furniture was saved, and the dwelling and smoke house were totally destroyed. Fortunately the house was insured for \$1,000 in the home insurance.

Anton Miederhoff, who lives on the Oran and Benton road will move to McMullin soon. They gave a farewell party Tuesday night, which was enjoyed by all. We regret to lose Mr. Miederhoff and family as they are good and social neighbors.

Louis Unnerstall, Peter Petz, Anton Glastetter, Phillip Hahn, Leo Gosche, Peter Enderle, Emil Schlaegel, John Gosche and others put in phones last week. They have the Watermelon line.

J. F. Scherer, who left here a few years ago for Colorado, is now in Kansas City, attending an Automobile school. He has been promoted to instructor in the primary class.

Celestine Ledure returned home last week, after spending eighteen months in the north, and is kept busy shaking hands with his many friends.

Wm. Lieble and daughter, Miss Cornetta, of Luxembourg, spent a few hours one day of last week with the family of August Glaus. There was a mistake in the name of the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Duney, it should have been Truetta.

Alex. Stehr, son of Leo Stehr, of near Redman's switch, was here spending Sunday with his uncle John G. Scherer.

Theodore Goetz was at Luxembourg last week, helping his brother-in-law, Wm. Lieble, out saw logs.

Anton Glastetter, Peter Petz, Louis Unnerstall and Albert Goetz were Chaffee visitors Saturday.

Miss Frieda Koelner, of near Sales Creek, is staying with the Wm. Trienen family of Benton.

Charles Ziegler was in St. Louis last week visiting his sisters, the Misses Katie and Cecelia.

Victor Bollinger of Benton, and John Compas, Jr., were seen in our town Thursday.

Erwin Duney spent last week with his Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goetz.

Miss Sabilla Diebold visited her sister, Miss Olive at the Cape Saturday, returning Sunday.

Miss Anna Daugherty of Benton spent Sunday night with the Misses Viola and Dora Diebold.

Remember the ball at Sticks hall Monday night.
Dan Bartels is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

August Glaus was at Oran Monday.

Grandma Goetz's sick.

FROM KESLO.
Gus Lux was at Benton Monday. When heard from he was sitting on the floor of the court house in the hall, eating a lunch and awaiting his turn at the collector's office—this being his third effort to get rid of his tax money.

After spending a few weeks in Keslo with home folks, Will Compas returned to school at Quincy, Ill., accompanied by Rev. Muesen, who has returned.

Miss Zetta Essner of Benton, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Welter, at Anceel, attended church here Sunday.

The marriage of Miss Alvina Messmer and a Mr. Ernstman was announced in church Sunday.

Will Seyer, who was down with rheumatism and taken to Cape, is reported no better.

Frank Compas and August Lux autoed to Cape Friday.

Miss Lorena Welter has grippe.

FROM BLEDA.
While Henry Lutes was hauling hay last week, his wagon broke down on the way home and he had to leave it until next morning. Henry says the farmer always has to be prepared to accept any kind of bad luck.

The Leap-year ball at Bleda hall, given by our young ladies, was well attended and enjoyed. The musicians were W. L. Ferguson, Andy Amrhein and Wm. Reinagle.

The old folks had a hog killing time at George Ebarhart's when they killed 14 hogs and four rabbits—the hogs being larger than the rabbits.

Charles Diebold is cutting wood and baling hay for Geo. Heisserer with his gasoline outfit.

Wm. Reinagle, who took sick at Wm. Gosche's while helping build a barn, returned home.

Henry Halter was at Gordonville last week and bought a big team of mules.

A big boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Heuring.

FROM LUXEMBURG.
Fred, son of Jacob Seyer of Sales Creek, is staying with Joe Seyer, the pure bred Poland-China hogs and Herford cattle man. Uncle Jake Seyer had better be careful of his son will soon believe in pure bred stock too.

Mrs. John Enderle and daughter, the Misses Julia and Celestia, spent one day this week with Mrs. Albin Martin.

Theo Goetz returned to his home Saturday after a visit with his uncle, Wm. Lieble and family. Geo. Gueck, Fred Lux and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Lux, Otto Miller of near Chaffee, visited with John Enderle and family one day of this week.

P. E. Daugherty and wife of Anceel spent Sunday with relatives at Pleasant Hill.

Albin Martin and wife helped James Anceel kill hogs Wednesday of last week.

Miss Bertha Enderle is staying with the family of O. J. Daunenmueller.

Miss Lorena Welter visited one day this week with Miss Dora Goetz.

E. J. Enderle spent a few hours with Wm. Spradlin one day this week.

FROM CHAFFEE.
Miss E. Baker, one of our teachers, has been very sick with tonsillitis, but was able to begin teaching Monday.

Paul Robertson of Bledgett was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hancock, Thursday and Friday of last week.

The Illinois Basket ball team played our boys last Saturday night. Score 42 to 23 in favor of Chaffee.

The girls basket ball team are going to Thebes to play Friday, and the boys will play at Cape.

Joe Alexander went to Bloomington Tuesday to be with his mother, who has pneumonia.

Miss Ethel Arnold was sick Monday and Miss Gladys Loyd taught in her place.

The Thebes girls played Chaffee girls. Score 9 to 4 in favor of Chaffee.

Mrs. Collin Townsend, who had pneumonia, is recovering.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. McEwing has pneumonia.

Miss Ruth Johnson is sick.

Salesmen Wanted to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address: The Harvey Oil Co. Cleveland, Ohio.

FROM MORLEY.
Monday night the cry of fire was heard and people rushed to the streets to find the trouble. And to their astonishment found the fine old school building in flames. This will be a great loss to Morley, as their fine school library, their laboratory and all school fixtures were lost. The new building stood the fire test but most all the windows in it were broken by the heat. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Claude Tomlinson, who has been keeping one of the most up-to-date and sanitary butcher shops ever kept in Morley, has accepted a position with his brother, Hugh in Butler, Ark., and will leave in a few days. Mrs. Tomlinson will remain here until April, the closing of her school. We regret to lose them.

Rev. Baughn offered his resignation to the Baptist congregation, wishing to be absent a couple of months to have dental work done. The resignation was not accepted and he was given a leave of absence until April.

Rev. Carroll, the district missionary, will supply until his return.

Tom Minner, living east of town who has been a sufferer so long with heart trouble, died Monday about noon.

Rev. Scott Ekridge and little daughter of Essex, were visitors in Morley this week.

Mrs. Smiley, who has been quite sick, is able to sit up, we are glad to state.

J. P. Randol, better known as Uncle Polk, is very sick with La-grippe.

FROM MULLINS ISLAND.
Men on and around the Island say they have the blues. They say it is such bad weather they can't work, and their horses have some disease, their hogs are dying, and they believe the year of 1916 has brought them more bad luck than ever.

Mrs. A. A. Evans Sundayed with her daughter, Mrs. Martha Simmons. She says it is the first time in six weeks she could get away from home, on account of sickness.

Mrs. Lynn Dabbs visited her parents at Parna, last week. Her sister, Miss Nell Jenkins, accompanied her home.

The Ladies complain that they have been bothered more by the tramps in 1916 than any year before.

Mr. and Mrs. James Derrington of the Cape, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Evans last week.

We are having all kinds of bad weather, and lots of sickness, on Mullins Island and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gurley of Illi-

nois, visited his sister Mrs. A. A. Evans last week.

There is more sickness in the country now than has been for years before.

Mr. and Mrs. Capps, of Illinois, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Beggs.

FROM BLEDGETT.
Grandma Hawkins, who was burned severely on the breast by falling on a lamp died last week. She was buried in the Bledgett cemetery.

Our Methodist preacher visited our school Tuesday, and made us an interesting talk.

Marshall Puckett and sister, Mrs. Earl Brown, were in Bledgett Saturday.

Dee Simpson is visiting his father-in-law, Tom Cason, of Lemons district.

Prof. J. W. Crow, of the Owensby school, was in Bledgett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss have both been sick, but are improving.

Little May Lee Hubbard is visiting in Illinois.

John Marrs is sick.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
For Sale—A farm of 88 acres, known as the J. D. Clymer farm. Sixty acres in cultivation. Two and a half miles northwest of Commerce, near Commerce and Illinois road. Price reasonable.

Mrs. J. D. Clymer and children, 49-4t. Commerce, Mo.

For Sale—40 acres of land, 15 acres deadened. Lumber on the land for a house. Price \$1,600. Mrs. C. Beklund, Randles, Mo. 48-3t.

For Sale—A Holstein bull calf, Joe Pfefferkorn, Oran, Mo.

Wanted.—Woman or girl for all around house work. Mrs. Albert Losse, Commercial Hotel, Fomfelt, Mo.

Taken Up.—A Poland-China male hog, unmarked, about two years old and weighs about 250 pounds. W. L. Wood, Benton, Mo. Rfd. 45-3t.

Put the Kicker in every working class home. It is needed.

A MEAN TRICK.
The city youth secured a job with Farmer Jones. The morning after his arrival, promptly at 4 o'clock, the farmer rapt on his door and told him to get up. The youth protested.

"What for?" he asked rubbing his eyes.

"Why, we're going to cut oats," replied the farmer.

"Are they wild oats?" queried the youth, "that you've got to sneak up on 'em in the dark?"

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